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MEMORANDUM FOR: CHIEF, TRD

SUBJECT: Briefing Data for OSO and OPC Wives and/or  
Husbands Stationed Abroad

1. The project, "Briefing Data for OSO and OPC Wives and/or Husbands Stationed Abroad," was developed by Miss [redacted] on the basis of a verbal directive from [redacted]. The directive suggested that TRD prepare a manual to be used in briefing these people. There was no indication as to what this manual should contain, or what material should be included.
2. A study of the available material on file proved practically fruitless. As a result, a memorandum, dated 6 October 1950, was sent to the Chiefs of Divisions and Staffs, OSO and OPC. (See Attachment 1.)
3. This memorandum resulted in interviews with thirty-four people, all of whom, at present, are employed by CIA. Complete transcriptions of these interviews are on file in the office of the Research Materials Officer. A report entitled "Sampling" is attached hereto. (See Attachment 2.)
4. As a result of the data extracted from these interviews, it was determined that a manual, as originally proposed, would not serve the purpose intended in this directive. The people interviewed expressed decided opinions as to what information these briefings were to impart. They indicated that they did not believe that such briefings could be covered satisfactorily in a written manual.

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6. In general, the following suggestions were mentioned (by at least one, in most cases several, and in some cases all the people interviewed) as worthy of study and inclusion in a briefing of this type:

- a. Area problems.
- b. Problems of social requirements and social protocol.
- c. Problems peculiar to CIA and CIA activities.

Further and minute details of the material to be included in briefings on these subjects are on file in the office of the Research Materials Officer. This information is based on a comprehensive analysis of the data obtained from the interviews.

7. The people interviewed made suggestions as to who they thought should be responsible for formulating and presenting these briefings. These included:

- a. The husband.
- b. The Foreign Division.
- c. I & S.
- d. TRD.
- e. A combination of the above.
- f. Manuals to cover area problems and problems of social requirements and protocol, these manuals to serve as the briefing itself or to be used in conjunction with the above.
- g. Discussions with people recently returned from the field, these discussions to cover area problems, social requirements, and protocol.

Further and minute details as to who should give the briefings, where it should be given and when, are on file in the office of the Research Materials Officer. This information, as analyzed and tabulated for use in this project, is based on data obtained from the interviews conducted and from debriefings (by TRD) of people returned from the field.

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8. In addition, certain generalizations, based on these interviews, were made. (See Attachment 3. One of the suggestions mentioned here, "Problems Relating to the Marital Situation," has been elaborated upon in a report on file in the office of the Research Materials Officer.)
9. Several suggestions were made by those interviewed. These included:

- d. Several training courses were suggested and outlined in detail. (See Attachment 4. A suggested training course, based on data abstracted from interviews, has been developed by [redacted] and is on file in the office of the Research Materials Officer.)
- e. Wives should be debriefed when they return from the field. (A suggestion describing how this may be done is outlined in a report on file in the office of the Research Materials Officer.)
- (1) This would help to keep area reports current.

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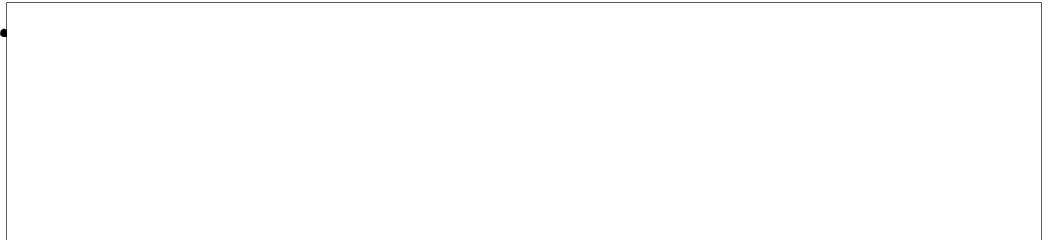
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- (2) This would present a woman's point of view.
- (3) This would offer a fresh and different approach.

f. Husbands should be briefed adequately. Each husband should be aware of the fact that wives will be given a briefing. Each husband should be informed of the scope of the briefing given to his wife. He should be told that he will be required, if necessary, to elaborate on the briefing given. Further, he should understand that some of the data covered in the briefing will have to be repeated continually, to keep it from being forgotten and to keep it fresh.

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